

Missouri Office of Information Technology

Routers and Networking Product Standard	Document Number: ITPS0004
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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to:

- Minimize the knowledge base required to configure networking infrastructure across agencies, encouraging collaboration.
- Reduce number of configuration difficulties across state networks.
- Enable IT employees to move between State Agencies without the need for retraining.
- Obtain a discount through the buying power of the entire State Government system.

2.0 Scope

Identify the routers with current significant install bases across agencies and determine a standard that is efficient and effective for the State of Missouri.

3.0 Background

The Office of Information Technology in cooperation with the Information Technology Advisory Board identified a need to develop a standard within the networking environment to reduce the number of configuration difficulties and minimize the knowledge base required to configure networking infrastructure across state agencies.

4.0 References

- 4.1** June 28, 1996 Letter from CIO to Purchasing
- 4.2** June 31, 2002 Letter from CIO to Purchasing

5.0 Revision History

Date	Description of Change
05/28/1996	Original standard issued
05/31/2002	Removed IBM and Proteon from the list leaving only Cisco as the standard

6.0 Definitions

N/A

7.0 Inquiries

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The **Cisco** line of products is named as the state standard for networking products.



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May 28, 1996

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Dear Karen,

With the concurrence of the Information Technology Advisory Board, I have established IBM, Proteon, and Cisco routers as the State Government standards. The purpose of the standard is to:

- minimize the knowledge base required to configure networking infrastructure across agencies, encouraging collaboration.
- reduce number of configuration difficulties across state networks
- enable IT employees to move between State Agencies without the need for retraining.
- Obtain a discount through the buying power of the entire State Government system.

These three routers represent the significant install base across agencies. Establishing a different or more restrictive standard would result in significant expense in conversion and future procurements.

Sincerely,

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Dear Karen:

As you are aware, my office at one time had declared a number of products as standards in the network equipment area. Since that time, the State has invested heavily in the Cisco product line. Currently, the State's network equipment install base is almost exclusively Cisco. While there are limited installation of other brand names products, that install base is not significant to the point that it warrants consideration for standard declaration nor does it represent sufficient merit to limit declaration of a network products standard.

After having discussed the issue with the Information Technology Advisory Board, I am naming the Cisco products as network equipment standards for the State of Missouri. All other products currently in use in the state will be placed in a twilighted standards category within Missouri's enterprise-wide architecture. With Cisco products named as the State's standard, agencies should no longer be allowed to produce other network equipment products without a written architecture variance from my office.

I am aware of the existing request for proposal for network products and that the RFP calls for the exclusive utilization of Cisco products. The contract resulting from this RFP should be an enterprise-wide contract.

If you have any questions concerning the naming of this product as a standard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Wethington,
Chief Information Officer